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REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the application. Claims 1-14 have been rejected and are presently active. Favorable reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The specification has been changed to correct the problem kindly noted by the Examiner.

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Greener et al. in view of Schrader et al. It is the conclusion of the Examiner that "It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of applicant's invention to treat the photographic film of Greener et al. as taught by Schrader et al." The Examiner states that one would have been motivated to so modify the photographic film in order to make handling of the film product easier during processing of the exposed photographic film.

The rejection is respectfully traversed. The present application is directed to an OTUC ("prepackaged photographic unit") with a CHDM-based polyester support. Greener et al. is directed to a CHDM-based support with high CHDM-content. Schrader et al. only teaches about an annealing process. In particular, the present invention is directed to a one-time use camera containing a photographic film element which is pre-wound out of a cartridge housing onto a supply-side spool or into a supply-side chamber to form a supply-side roll of the film element wherein the leader of the film element is stored at the center of the supply-side coil of the film element. The film element comprises a CHDM-containing film base having simultaneously a characteristic core set of less than 60 m-1 according to the OTUC core-set test and a "Cutting Index" of less than 2.0. In contrast, Greener et al. is directed to an imaging element in which the support comprises a biaxially stretched, semicrystalline film base of a PET-based polyester. Although the materials may overlap in composition, Greener et al. does not mention or suggest the unique and significant advantages of such a film element in the context of the type of OTUC camera having the specified pre-wound arrangement of the film element out of a cartridge housing onto a supply-side spool or into a supply-side chamber to form a supply side roll of the film element wherein the leader of the film element is stored at the center of the supply side coil of the film element.

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Statement of Common Ownership

The subject matter of the cited patent U.S. Patent No. 6,558,884 B1 to Greener et al. and the claimed invention of the present application No. 09/871,921 were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the assignee Eastman Kodak.

Schrader et al., in the absence of Greener et al., do not disclose a CHDM-containing film base having simultaneously a characteristic core set of less than 60 m^{-1} according to the OTUC core-set test and a "Cutting Index" of less than 2.0.

Furthermore, Applicants herewith submit a terminal disclaimer with respect to Greener et al.

In view thereof, it follows that the subject matter of the claims would not have been obvious of the prior art at the time the invention was made.


Applicants have reviewed the prior art made of record and believe that singly or in any suitable combination, they do not render Applicants' claimed invention unpatentable.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendment, the claims 1 to 14 are now believed allowable and such favorable action is courteously solicited.

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the favor is requested of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel for the purpose of discussing such amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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